As a part of formulation of these schemes, the Board may decide to hand over any public sector enterprise to the viable cooperative societies constituted by the employees of that enterprise.

Urban Development Projects in Karnataka

3304. Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some urban development projects of Karnataka are pending with the Ministry for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Industrial Units Closed in Karnataka

3305. SHRI S. B. SIDNAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names and locations of the industrial units which are lying closed in Karnataka;

(b) since when these are lying closed and the reasons therefor;

(c) the efforts made to revive them and the results achieved therefrom;

(d) the time by which these units are likely to be revived; and

(e) the number of employees and the labourers rendered unemployed due to the closure of these units and the manner in which they are earning their livelihood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) Reserve Bank of India collects data on sick units in the small scale (SSI) sector and Non-SSI sector, and data on sick/weak units lying closed in the Non-SSI sector only. 8,318 units in the small scale sector and 77 units in the Non-Small Scale sector were sick as at the end of September, 1989 in the State of Karnataka. 57 sick/weak units in the Non-Small Scale Sector were lying closed in the State of Karnataka as at the end of September, 1989.

(b) A number of causes, both external and internal are responsible for industrial sickness. The major causes, as reported by the banks, related to marketing, financial, labour, management and production problems and to external factors like power shortage, demand recession and natural calamities.

(c) Our of 8318 sick units in the small sector, 548 units were found to be potentially viable and 7359 units non-viable. Viability in respect of 411 units is yet to be decided. Out of 548 potentially viable sick units in the small sector, 422 units were put under nursing programme as at the end of September, 1989. Out of 77 sick units in the non-small scale sector, 14 units were put under nursing programme as at the end of September, 1989.

(d) No time-frame within which the viable units could be revived can be indicated.

(e) Such data are not centrally maintained.

Warehouses in Karnataka

3306. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state: